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1982 DAF MB200 PLAXTON SUPREME 5
6 speed splitter, 53 seats, power door, curtains, patterned moquette, white / blue exterior. **MoT 16/02/98**

1985 DAF DHTD PLAXTON 3200
6 speed splitter, 53 recliners, radio/PA/cassette, power door, cream/orange exterior. **MoT 23/04/98**

1989 DAF DHTD PLAXTON 3200
6 speed splitter, 53 recliners, radio/PA/cassette, power door, cream/orange exterior. **MoT 25/01/98**

1989 DAF SB3000 LAG PANORAMIC
ZF 6 speed, Telma, auxiliary heater, 49 recliners + courier, foot rests, seat back tables, nets, radio/PA/cassette, monitor / video, centre continental, toilet, servery, fridge, double glazing, drivers bunk, power door, striped grey moquette, yellow/red exterior. **MoT 14/10/97**

1990 DAF SB2300 VAN HOOL ALIZEE
ZF 6 speed splitter, 51 recliners, seat belts, radio/PA/cassette, monitor / video, centre continental, toilet, servery, double glazing, curtains, brown / orange moquette, white exterior. **MoT 28/07/98**

1992 IVECO 59.12 DORMOBILE BUS BODY — Choice of 7

Chrysler automatic, 27 seats + 8 standees, top opening side windows, extraction fans, patterned moquette, green / yellow exterior. **MoT 26/10/97**

1990 DAF DHSB3000 VAN HOOL ALIZEE
ZF 7 speed, 49 recliners + courier, radio/PA/cassette, monitor / video, double glazing, centre continental, toilet, drinks, drivers bunk, white / blue exterior. **MoT 15/11/97**

1992 DAF SB3000 VAN HOOL ALIZEE
Manual gearbox, 49/51 de-mountable seats, radio/PA/cassette, toilet, curtains, double glazed, power door, patterned moquette, white exterior. **MoT 03/02/98**

DENNIS JAVELIN PLAXTON 3200
6 speed, 35 [illegible] /PA/cassette, power doo[illegible] [illegible]ted, exterior repainted white. **MoT 14/05/98**
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1983 LEYLAND TIGER PLAXTON 3200 (11 metre)
ZF 6 speed, 53 seats, radio/PA/cassette, express power door, red striped moquette, white exterior. **MoT 11/09/97**

1984 LEYLAND PLAXTON TIGER 3200
Semi-automatic, 48 recliners, seat belts, radio/PA/cassette, monitor, toilet, servery, drinks, power door, brown patterned moquette, white exterior. **MoT 17/01/98**

1984 DAF MB 200 BERKHOF ESPRIT — Choice of 2
49 recliners + courier, ZF 6 speed splitter gearbox, rear continental door, power door, sunken toilet, radio/PA/cassette, white exterior. **MoT Feb-May 1998**

1989 LEYLAND TIGER ALEXANDER (BELFAST) SERVICE BUS BODY — Choice of 3
ZF automatic, 55 seats + 24 standees, patterned moquette, exterior re-painted white. **MoT Aug-Dec 1997**

1990 LEYLAND PLAXTON TIGER 3200
ZF 6 speed, 50/53 recliners + courier, seat belts, radio/PA/[illegible], double glazing [illegible]r, toilet, servery, drinks, grey patterned moquette, exterior re-painted white. **MoT 16/12/97**
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1985 MERCEDES D303 JONCKHEERE P50
6 speed, 51 recliners + courier, seat belts, radio/PA/cassette, monitor/video, centre continental, toilet, servery with sink, fridge, drivers bunk, double glazed, power door, patterned moquette, white/red exterior. **MoT 28/03/98**

1995 NEOPLAN SKYLINER
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1983 SCANIA K112 PLAXTON
5 speed with retarder, 49 recliners + courier, seat belts, radio/PA/cassette, double glazed, continental door, toilet, drivers bunk, power door, patterned moquette, yellow with pattern exterior. **MoT 10/10/97**

1992 SETRA TORNADO 215 HD (MAN)
ZF 7 speed, Voith, Webasto, 49 recliners + courier, radio/PA/cassette, monitors/video, Sütrak air-conditioning, centre continental, sunken, servery, water boiler, fridge, drivers bunk, driver door with wardrobe, central locking, re-moquetted, exterior repainted white. **MoT 10/02/98**

1992 SCANIA K93CR PLAXTON PREMIERE 3200 — Choice of 5

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1985 DAF MB 200 BERKHOF ESPRIT
49 recliners + courier, ZF automatic gearbox, rear continental door, drivers bunk, power door, toilet, radio/PA/cassette, TV/video, drinks fountain, white exterior. **MoT 02/98**

1983 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200 (Re-bodied 1991)
Manual gearbox, 53 recliners, radio/PA/cassette, double glazed, power door, curtains, patterned moquette, white exterior. **MoT 13/04/98**

1996 VOLVO B10M MKIII VAN HOOL ALIZEE

ZF 6 speed, Telma, Webasto, ferry lift, 44 recliners + courier, seat belts, seat back tables, footrests, nets, head rest covers, radio/PA/cassette, monitors / video, air conditioning, double glazing, curtains, burglar alarm, aircraft type lockers, table with lamp, continental door, toilet, servery, fridge, water boiler, drivers bunk, on board phone, grey moquette, red / black exterior. **MoT 12/03/98**

1990 VOLVO B10M JONCKHEERE
ZF gearbox, 51 recliners, radio/PA/cassette, rear continental, toilet, drinks, power door, double glazed, cream/green/orange exterior. **MoT 05/08/97**

1990 VOLVO B10M MK III VAN HOOL ALIZEE
ZF 6 speed, 49 recliners, radio/PA/cassette, monitor / video, centre continental, toilet, drinks, fridge, drivers bunk, auxiliary heater, double glazed, power door, brown moquette, grey / silver exterior. **MoT 10/04/98**

1991 VOLVO B10M MKIII VAN HOOL ALIZEE — Choice of 9
ZF 6 speed, Telma, Webasto, ABS, 49 recliners + courier, seat belts, radio/PA/cassette, half rear emergency exit, centre continental, mounted toilet, servery, crew compartment, double glazed side bays, brown moquette, exterior re-painted white. **MoT Dec 1997-Feb 1998**

1992 VOLVO B10M MKIII VAN HOOL ALIZEE — Choice of 2
ZF 6 speed, ABS, Webasto, air suspension, 49 recliners + courier, radio/PA/cassette, half rear emergency exit, centre continental, mounted toilet, centre servery, crew compartment, split front screen, double glazed side bays, brown moquette, exterior re-painted white. **MoT 03/12/97 and 07/01/98**

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News

Metroline floated

Trading in Metroline shares began on 29 July on the London Stock Exchange with an immediate 8.0% increase over the 173p entry price which valued the enterprise at £37.2m. Declan O'Farrell, Metroline's chief executive and managing director, confirmed at the end of the first morning that shares had been traded heavily and were making between 185 and 190p.

Based on the initial valuation, employee shareholders at Metroline will have an estimated £10,500 average holding value. Minimum holdings are said to worth £4,000 and some of the 780 eligible staff, with over 20 - 25 years service, can expect their holdings to be £30,000 for a minimum allocation of 115 original shares. A re-issue of shares for the flotation values each old share at 19 new ones.

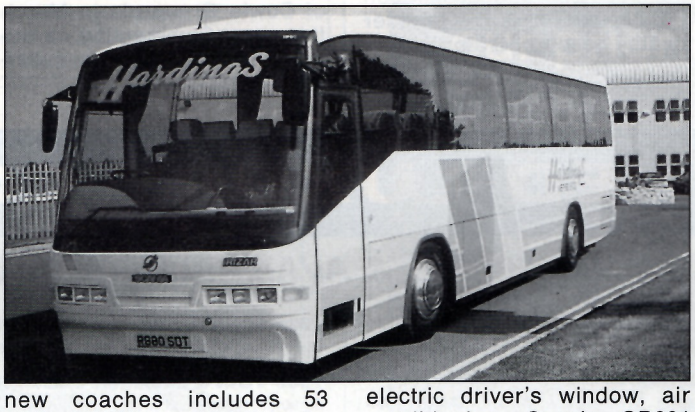
Metroline's four senior directors, Declan O'Farrell, John Colledge, Gordon Tennant and Mike Smith collectively raised £100,000 when the company was acquired from London Transport in 1994. Their holding is now valued in excess of £10m, although the flotation means their 40% stake in the business is being reduced to 30%. Following Metroline's acquisition, the company paid for a 25% stake to be held in trust for its employees' profit-sharing plan, as part of a deal struck over changes to working conditions and scales of remuneration.

Challenger sold to Julian Peddle

Challenger Transport Ltd, formed six years ago by former employees of Luton & District Transport, has been sold to Julian Peddle's MK Metro concern. Challenger operates 15 vehicles on a commercial network with tendered services in Buckinghamshire and schools contracts in both Bucks and Bedfordshire. All vehicles and personnel have transferred to MK Metro, including principal Paul Woolmer who has accepted a new position. There are to be no changes to the services operated by Challenger and it will continue to function under its own identity.

R Registrations hit the street

Among a large number of new coaches registered for 1 August, taking advantage of the new R prefix, is this Scania InterCentury. The coach is one of an identical pair purchased by Hardings Tours of Huyton, Liverpool. The 3.2 metre high Irizar bodied coach was introduced earlier this year, making its debut at the UK Coach Rally, and is based on the new Scania L94 chassis. They are the first new Scanias that Hardings have purchased since early in 1994 when they took delivery of three Van Hool bodied coaches.



The specification of the new coaches includes 53 reclining seats, courier seats, seat belts, double glazing, audio system, drivers' safe, electric driver's window, air conditioning, Scania GR801 Comfort Shift gearbox and Scania hydraulic retarder.

Courtesy acquisitions

Oldham based Courtesy Coaches, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, has acquired two local businesses through its subsidiary company which trades as Memorable Rides. In June the business of Barnes of Rochdale was purchased, including a 24 seater Mercedes, the name and the goodwill. This week, Memorable Rides completed the acquisition of the name and business of Central Coach Hire, which is also based in Oldham, although no vehicles were included in the deal.

Courtesy Coaches was founded in 1972 by Eric Brock and is now run by son Mark. The operation consists of nine vehicles in total and employs eight staff.

FirstBus customer survey

FirstBus is to implement a customer satisfaction survey. Following its investment of £80m this year in new vehicles, the company aims to find out precisely what its customers require so that it can work towards meeting those needs. Customers of all 28 subsidiaries will be interviewed by staff from Network Research and Marketing. The work will be ongoing to monitor service improvements.

OBITUARY
Dereck Painter

Dereck Painter, proprietor of Mostonian Coaches, died suddenly on 23 July, one day after his 68th birthday. He had started the company in 1959 and took great pleasure in driving, one of his favourite jobs being the 12 years he spent looking after the Oldham Athletic team in the Joe Royle era. The company currently operates four coaches on a variety of work including private hire and its own tour and excursions programme.

He leaves a widow, Josephine, eight children of whom four are involved in the business and 18 grandchildren one of whom works for the company.

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News

Wallace Arnold contracts exchanged

Contracts have successfully been exchanged between 3i, the capital investment group, and Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust plc, completing the acquisition of its leisure division for £48.1m. 3I has invested £18m in the management buyout programme which was led by Robert Barr, chairman of the leisure division, and Ken Meddes, its managing director.

Robert Barr assumes a new position as deputy chairman of the new company. Other members of the team include: Nick Gilmore, managing director of the hotels business; Stephen Barber, operations director; and Bill Maxwell, marketing director. The board will be chaired by Bernard Norman who has extensive experience in many commercial sectors, including the travel and leisure industry, and is also investing alongside the management team.

Commenting on the conclusion of the buyout, Ken Meddes said: The success of the MBO bid, supported by 3i, reflects both the standing of the company and its achievements within the travel market. Wallace Arnold is a very special company, and not just because of its prominence in the travel industry. It is a Yorkshire company which has etched itself into the memories of generations of people up and down the country during its 70 years of coach travel. Our long standing commitment to the trade has been reciprocated by them throughout the period of negotiation and the MBO team will be reinforcing its commitment to the trade. We are eager now to move forward with the development of the business and build upon our reputation as the premier quality coach operator.'

New Cowie MD

Cowie Group plc has appointed Michael Gwilt as its new group managing director from 1 January 1988. Michael, 40, is currently managing director of Cowie's finance division and will work alongside chief executive Gordon Hodgson, taking on the progressive responsibility of that role. Prior to taking up the position he will complete a strategic review of the group's Birmingham based vehicle management operation - Cowie Interleasing.

Michael joined Cowie Interleasing as a sales consultant in 1984 and became sales director in 1988 and sales and marketing director in 1989. He was appointed managing director of Cowie Interleasing North and Scotland in 1994. Last year the division saw a 40% growth in its fleet and Michael was appointed managing director of Cowie Financial Holdings and joined the board of Cowie Group plc in March this year. Commenting on the appointment, non-executive chairman, Sir James McKinnon, said: Successful companies promote from within to take advantage of the energy, experience and enterprise of people who have contributed to that success. Michael Gwilt, over many years, has proven himself in perhaps the most complex and demanding of our business activities and his business acumen and marketing flair, together with strong management skills, are qualities required in the Cowie Group's next important and exciting stage of development.

UVG appointment

UVG has appointed Fred Edwards as managing director of its Bus Division at Waterlooville. Fred replaces Mike Woodward who has left the group, under amicable conditions, and is returning to consultancy work with KPMG. John Wellwood, the former production controller at Waterlooville has also left UVG.

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1989 DENNIS JAVELIN (A) 12M DUPLE 320 51 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished white/orange/red. .....M.O.T MAY 1998

1989 DENNIS JAVELIN (M) 12M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200
51 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished white/orange/yellow. .....M.O.T MARCH 1998

1989 LEYLAND TIGER 290 12 (M) DUPLE 320
53 reclining seats, finished cream/orange .....M.O.T. OCTOBER 1997

1989 MERCEDES BENZ 0303 (M) 12M
53 reclining seats, finished all white. .....M.O.T JULY 1997

1989 MERCEDES BENZ 0303 (M) 12M
53 reclining seats, finished red/cream. .....M.O.T JULY 1997

1987 MERCEDES BENZ 307D (M)
12 seater, finished white with lower band. .....M.O.T JANUARY 1998

1989 SCANIA K93 12M (M) DUPLE 320
51 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished silver/blue. .....M.O.T MAY 1998

1989 VOLVO B10M (M) CAETANO ALGARVE
53 seats, finished all white. .....M.O.T MARCH 1998

1989 VOLVO B10M (M) CAETANO ALGARVE
57 seats, finished all white. .....M.O.T MARCH 1998

1989 VOLVO B10M (M) CAETANO ALGARVE
51 seater, toilet + exec. spec., finished all white. .....M.O.T FEBRUARY 1998

1987 VOLVO B10M (M) PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 53 reclining seats, finished white with green/blue flash on sides. .....M.O.T DECEMBER 1997

1987 DAF MB 230 DKFL 12M (M) PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500
51 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished white/orange stripe. .....M.O.T. NOVEMBER 1997

1987 LEYLAND TIGER 260 12M (M) DUPLE 320 53 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished cream/duo red. .....M.O.T. MARCH 1998

1985 VOLVO B10M (A) BERKHOF EMPEROR
60 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished cream/maroon. ....M.O.T. JUNE 1997

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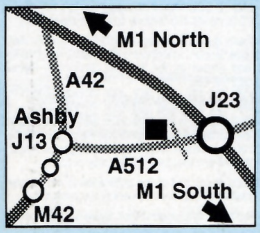
49 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished all white .....M.O.T APRIL 1998



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Houston Ramm PCV Sales

In just four years Houston Ramm has seen a rapid expansion in his business which specialises in the sale of secondhand minibuses. Demand has led him to take on more extensive premises, improve facilities and broaden his sphere of enterprise. He measures his success through the level of customer satisfaction and believes it is attributable to a strict adherence to quality standards.

Based in Rochdale, just a couple of minutes off the M62 Motorway, Houston set up the initial facility in a yard shared with Trathens, which they continue to use as a depot for National Express coaches operating in the northern part of the country. Shared facilities were, and remain, beneficial to both parties and mean 24-hour service cover can be achieved through a common switchboard. The expansion of the sales business required more space and has led Houston to take on an extensive part of the complex in which Trathens facility is located, including large areas of hardstanding and a paintshop facility. This has not curtailed the association with Trathens and a small part of the operator's yard is still used for the storage of vehicles and for the breaking and dismantling of scrap units.

Houston buys his vehicle stock from known sources only. Some deals are done with smaller customers known to the company, but mainly the vehicles come from Stagecoach, Cowie and, more recently, Sheffield Mainline. He said, 'Our policy is to only buy from operators where the maintenance schedules are good. When we buy from the major groups we know what we are getting. The overall condition of some of them can vary considerably, so everything is inspected thoroughly and assessed in a full appraisal before we decide on its future. We find that if we don't mess the suppliers about and are prepared to take the rough with the smooth they then look favourably on us when disposing of better quality vehicles, or they are prepared to buy from us if they need something to fill a gap or cater for something unforeseen.'

All vehicles put through the workshops are given a thorough mechanical overhaul.

Any vehicles which are deemed too expensive to refurbish are put into the dismantling process and this generally keeps two staff permanently employed. Breaking is done on a rotational basis, a Ford Transit, then perhaps a Leyland Sherpa, an Iveco, a Renault and a Mercedes. Any serviceable parts are taken into stock with any good engines or gearboxes being retained along with useful items like tachographs, starter motors, alternators, radiators, windscreens, seating and trim items. These parts are not actively advertised for sale but sometimes used in other refurbishment work or are available for customers who have taken a vehicle and believe they have found a problem. It allows Houston to provide a no-quibble replacement service which customers are happy with.

Building a level of trust with his customer base has been the key to success. Houston said, 'A typical vehicle from us will have been thoroughly refurbished to meet MOT requirements and the staff achieve very good pass rates. We are not generally dealing with recently registered buses so almost everything has done a lot of work. As such we are looking at the cheaper end of the market, but the buses must still be prepared properly and pre-

A typical refurbished minibus interior.

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Engineering staff are generally taken on only if they have the right sort of experience. Some had been trained in PSV maintenance but, with the exception of apprentices, the remainder have at least served time as car or HGV mechanics. As they are led by PSV mechanics they quickly pick up the different requirements and settle into the routine. Houston said, 'Our pass rate at the MOT station is very high. As a number are still learning the trade it is difficult to achieve a 100% first time pass rate but I am pleased with the efforts they make. Each member of staff keeps his own records about the vehicle he has inspected, the faults identified and the repair work undertaken. That way they have a complete back-up in case a customer has a query about his vehicle.'

A great deal of the refurbishment work sees minibuses altered to a minicoach specification by installing high-backed seats, addressing the trim and removing stanchions and grab rails. These vehicles sell very easily and provide a fast turnover of capital and stock which ensures the staff are always kept busy. In all, there are now 26 people working for the company with 22 of these involved in the mechanical side.

Iveco 49.10s with a manual gearbox are a popular choice.

The body-shop personnel are capable of, and undertake, quite extensive rebuilding if necessary. A large proportion of the intake can be shabby in appearance but it can soon be made to look perfectly acceptable. As long as the basic vehicle is sound it can be transformed by fitting new panels, fibre-glass mouldings or a new floor. Accident damaged vehicles are stripped right back and the framework replaced in the affected areas.

Part of the works complex is given over to refinishing and up to three buses at a time can be in the spray shop. Painting is done to the highest possible standards using single pack paint. This is essentially to keep costs down, especially on vehicles that are not expected to have lengthy service lives ahead of them, yet provides an acceptable gloss finish which is easy to re-touch. It also requires less investment in the spraying facility in terms of satisfying Health & Safety requirements. Spray jobs in a single colour are completed in one day, additional colours obviously add to that time.

Houston's background in the industry started from leaving school. He joined the Scottish Bus Group for a while before moving into road haulage and later joined Parks of Hamilton. His name will be familiar to many people through his association with Coachmart magazine.

This 1989 Bedford YNT has been refurbished, retrimmed and painted to operate a local contract and undertake private hires.

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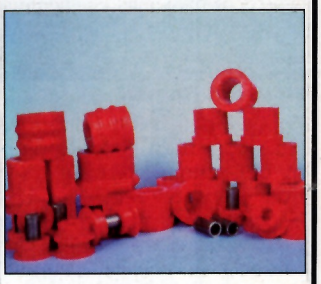

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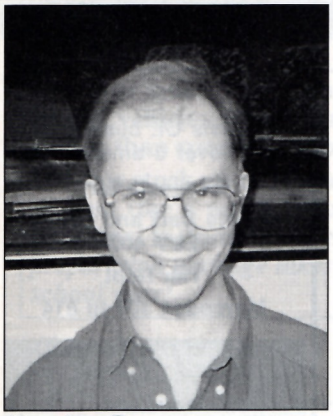


Houston Ramm.

Following this he joined ATL Holdings, then parent company of Carlton PSV and several bus companies, eventually becoming its managing director. After Impact Holidays folded, in 1992, Houston decided to go it alone and eventually went into PSV sales through being offered a batch of vehicles to sell on behalf of the liquidators of Mandale of Penrith. Four of these were sold to Trathens and that was one factor in establishing the current link.

The new business was up and running by July 1993 and has not looked back since. In addition to physical expansion there has been a considerable investment in equipment, particularly to keep up with the increasingly stringent emissions legislation. A breakdown vehicle has been added to the portfolio alongside a small truck for delivery and collection of spare parts.

All vehicles requiring a thorough re-trim are contracted out to Duoflex. The company had recently completed a set of seats for a 1989 Bedford YNT Plaxton Paramount that Houston had acquired to operate a local contract. The interior had been completely transformed, looking almost brand new. Houston was delighted by the job and believed it would be difficult to get better value for money anywhere else. Having completed the interior, the outside panels were to be replaced in the next few days in order to make the vehicle as attractive as possible.

He said the company had gained a 15 vehicle operating licence which provided a new dimension in flexibility. The Bedford had been acquired specifically to operate a five year contract. In age terms, the coach would see the contract out because it stipulated nothing over 15 years old, consequently a full refurbishment was justified. It also meant the vehicle would be perfectly acceptable for putting on some private hires during the evenings and at weekends.

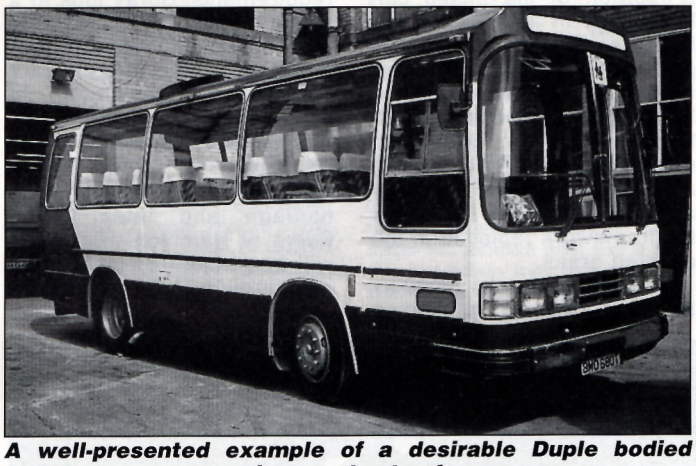
Houston explained, 'Although we have a 15 vehicle licence this does not mean we are moving into coach operation just for the sake of it. We were operating just one vehicle to cover some odd jobs but the demand grew to the point where we are having to farm work out to other operators. This new contract is a good one and justifies a vehicle on its own. If we earn some extra with it, it will be because we have taken work that is worth doing. We are not about to enter a pricing war with other local operators. There is no point in creating any hassle for ourselves. If someone rings and books the vehicle at the rate we want, then that is OK, but we don't need the work badly enough to enter the downward spiral of pricing that happens when customers play one operator off against another.'

Members of the Houston Ramm workforce.

Expanding into the Rochdale premises was very necessary and has given the company space to breathe. The decision to convert the parking areas to hard standing also pays dividends, both in presentation and for ease of viewing. The parking area is naturally split in half by a service road and provides areas for parking vehicles for display and dispersal or intakes which are awaiting attention. It also means that visitors can walk around stock vehicles in comfort.

In providing a good quality refurbishment and insisting that vehicles are mechanically sound and up to required standards before they leave the premises, he is doing a good job on the cheaper end of the market where the turnover of vehicles is quite high and relatively inexpensive. Beyond developing a wider sphere of customers he has no desire to increase his overheads by moving into fancy new premises.

By Martin Cole



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Part of the extensive Royle Works complex in Rochdale, now occupied by Houston Ramm.

FirstBus passengers get what they asked for

FirstBus has launched its new 'high-quality specification' bus interiors which will be standard for all new deliveries to the group. The first examples are a batch of 10.6 metre Plaxton Pointer bodied Dennis Dart SLFs which are being delivered to Bristol Cityline and feature Plaxton's new exterior styling for the Pointer body. Hanover electronic number displays are fitted to the front, side and rear although individual FirstBus subsidiaries can specify conventional roller blinds or a Hanover dot-matrix installation if they wish.

FirstBus carried out extensive market research before producing demonstration buses which toured the country last year to gauge customer and potential customer reaction to a variety of interior finishes. Using Wright and Plaxton Pointer bodied vehicles, each bus was sectioned so that the public could get a feel for how each interior would feel. B&CB sampled the Pointer bodied demonstrator at Worcester, last November, where it aroused plenty of comment, some of the ladies offering suggestions on which colours were easiest to clean. At the time marketing director Chris Carr commented, 'Customer-led ideas will form a major part of our standard interior with future purchasing policies.'

The new interiors are a direct result of this work says FirstBus. Moir Lockhead, chief executive, argues that, 'the result is a vehicle which provides an environment for bus users which can stand comparison with the best practice anywhere in the world.' Features include tinted double-glazing, individual Scanflex seats with more legroom, Altro flooring and an integrated heating and ventilation system from Sutrak.

The new interior of FirstBus's Pointers is trimmed in a restrained purple and grey.

The 'light purple' floor extends up the vehicle to the entrance area.

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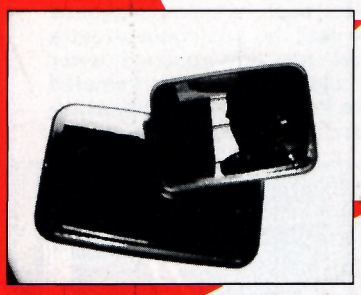

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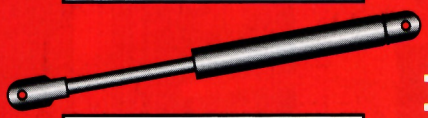

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The new FirstBus interior specification in one of Plaxton's Beaver 2 bodies.

Luggage space is available on the Beaver 2 body.

In the Pointer

In line with the new requirements, Bristol's Pointers feature bonded double glazing with a green tint while the interiors are co-ordinated using shades of grey, green and purple. Handrails to DiPTAC requirements are finished in 'high-visibility' aqua green. A purple key line is carried the length of the interior both above and below the windows. The grey/purple colour scheme is to be standard throughout the FirstBus fleet regardless of the exterior livery which, on the Bristol vehicles, is a bright red, yellow and blue. There is to be no corporate exterior livery introduced to complement the interior treatment.

The Sutrak heating system has thermostatic control designed to give an even spread of heat and constant temperature by directing a curtain of air down the windows from the cove panelling. In the winter a saloon thermostat controls the speed of the fans to manage the distribution of warm air. Convector heating is fitted at floor level in the lower front part of the saloon. Cove panels incorporate a clear polycarbonate lighting system supplied by Invertec and developed jointly with Lydney.

The 'purple theme' extends to the driver's seat. This is the cab area of the Beaver 2.

FirstBus says that the interior is trimmed throughout in durable easy-clean surfaces. Individual Scanflex seats are fitted, moquette-trimmed with moulded plastic backs. The Bristol buses, which are 10.6 metres long, have 34 fixed seats plus three tip-ups and a wheelchair space. Moir Lockhead observed, 'our research showed that seat spacing and comfort were, not surprisingly, high on our customers' priorities. I am convinced that we will provide a better quality service and win more passengers by making a slight reduction in seating capacity so that those people who travel with us do so in greater comfort.'

The Altro flooring has been styled to meet FirstBus requirements with a light purple for the gangway and a darker shade under the seats. The two colours are separated by a green in-fill stripe.

As well as 'providing a much improved environment for our customers, we have looked very closely at the needs of our drivers,' says Moir Lockhead. The result includes Isringhausen air-suspended seat, heated rear-view mirrors and a new demisting system for the windscreens designed to mix fresh and recirculated air to also offer cab ventilation.

Commenting on the new FirstBus interiors, Plaxton sales and marketing director, David Quainton said, 'We see this as the biggest single advance in bus interior design in decades'. Customer reaction to the new scheme is awaited with interest.

By Andy Izatt

Individual Scanflex seats have easy-clean surfaces.

Light grey surfaces are a feature of the cab area.

Berkhof develop airside bus

Berkhof has developed its first dedicated airport apron bus, the prototype of which it will unveil at the Interairport 1997 exhibition being held in Frankfurt from September 23 to 26. Called the President, the single-ended low floor bus is 14.00 metres long, 3.00 metres wide and 3.00 metres high, with a 7.20 metre wheelbase. There are three sets of double doors on each side with a single step of 270mm. It has a passenger capacity of 150 of which 20 are seated. The prototype has been built at the Berkhof Valkenswaard plant rather than the Heerenveen bus plant and production buses will also be built at Valkenswaard.

The interior of the President which can accommodate 150 passengers.

Berkhof's new President airside bus.

Designed, in consultation with potential customers, for the carriage of passengers between planes and airport terminal buildings, Berkhof claim the President is particularly suitable for airports that are cramped for room and need flexible passenger transport on the aprons.

It is powered by a Mercedes Benz OM366LA unit developing 100kW at 2800rpm and has an Allison AT 545 automatic transmission. Riding on 315/80 tyres on the front (drive) axle and 245/70s at the rear, the President is air suspended and has the familiar ZF8098 steering system. With its introduction the company claims to be able to offer a solution for any passenger transport problem in and around airports.

By Stuart Jones

There are three sets of 1200mm wide double doors on each side.

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The Mercedes Benz 0404 Vita Luxus poses on the drive of Beningbrough Hall on the second of six previews held around the UK.

Mercedes Benz 0404 Vita

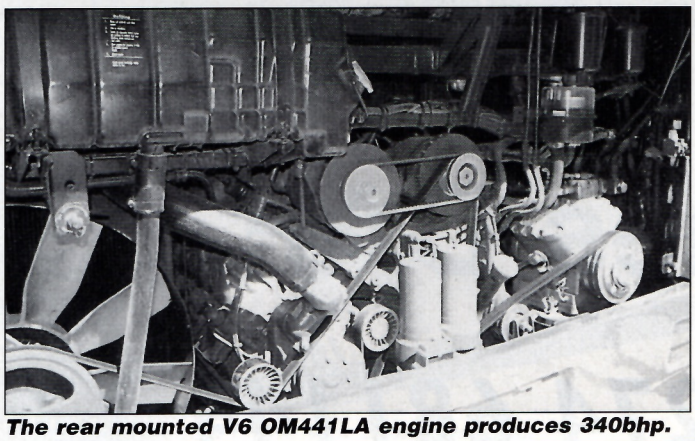
Over the past few weeks Mercedes Benz UK has been showing operators its recently announced 0404 Vita coach range in a series of six previews. Held at National Trust properties, the events were fairly low-key affairs which afforded visitors the chance to inspect the vehicles before joining a demonstration journey. During this those who wished to were given the opportunity to drive. Throughout the proceedings Mercedes Benz staff, including bus and coach sales manager, Ian Soden, were on hand to answer any questions and show the strengths of the 0404 Vita.

Bus & Coach Buyer caught up with the previews at the second event staged in the idyllic surroundings of Beningbrough Hall, situated off the A19 eight miles north of York. This early Georgian country house facing a tree lined drive made a superb backdrop to the vehicles, though the narrow gated entrance to the courtyard required vigilance on the part of Mercedes demonstration driver.

The 0404 Vita marries the proven Mannheim built Mercedes Benz 0404.15 RHD underframe with coachwork produced in Spain by Hispano Carrocera. It is powered by a Mercedes Benz OM441LA V6 producing 340bhp at 2100rpm driving through a Mercedes GO4 six speed manual transmission. (For a more detailed description of the 0404 Vita see B&CB issue 416, 4 July 1997).

Two versions of the 0404 Vita are offered, the standard model being the Vita Luxus which has 53 reclining seats, centre continental door, fridge, safe and video system, while the top of the range Vita Gran Tourismo additionally features double glazing, centre sunken toilet, drinks machine and a second video monitor. Both versions were exhibited at the preview.

Glorious sunshine was provided to show the efficiency of the Hispacold air conditioning system as the coach became a familiar sight on the A19 and in local villages.



The rear mounted V6 OM441LA engine produces 340bhp.

Among those taking the opportunity to see the Vita was Eddie Brown of Helperby based Eddie Brown Tours, together with his son in law Phillip Brown and Ian McKenzie. Eddie said, 'The body's very sound, there's not a rattle in it,' though he was not impressed by aspects of the seat finish which he felt made them vulnerable to damage by children. He also thought it well priced though he admitted that he liked his Van Hools and would find it difficult to move away from them.

Turning to the Mercedes components, he noted that it was noisier on the seats over the rear axle than on those above the engine at the rear, commenting, 'Perhaps it needs more insulation.' Asked whether he was tempted to buy an 0404 Vita he said, 'It's difficult to move away from what you know, in our case Scania and Volvo.'

Phillip Brown was impressed with the 0404 underframe after his test drive. 'The ride's good with the independent suspension,

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and there's plenty of torque and power in the engine. It's got a clean change for a new vehicle too,' he said. His overall driving impression was that it was, 'very good' and his conclusion was that while the Hispano body needed a bit of detail improvement, 'the underside is right.'

John Duff of Reliance Motor Services, Sutton on Forest, operates DAF and Leyland coaches as well as a number of buses. His reaction was mixed. Mechanically he liked the fact that components such as the brake and gear cables ran the full length of the vehicle without being exposed to the elements. He thought the lock good, 'better than the Tiger,' the gear change positive allowing for the fact that the box was new, and he experienced virtually no sensation through the steering wheel. He was also impressed with the acceleration which, 'seemed quite smart.' On the negative side he found it difficult to see one side of the tacho through the steering wheel, however positioned, and he wondered about disc life with there being no retarder fitted. In common with other operators he found the hand brake crowded his right knee, something that Mercedes has already said will be changed on production vehicles. On the grounds of vulnerability John was pleased that the mirrors were conventional rather than of the increasingly popular 'preying mantis' style, although these will be an option on production vehicles.

John was disappointed that the Vita Luxus was not double glazed, although Ian Soden pointed out that tilt testing had proved this could be added on production vehicles. He wondered how easy to clean some of the interior materials would be. On this point I was surprised how easily and completely spillages could be removed, a point proved by an unscheduled demonstration during coffee serving on the Vita Gran Tourismo. This material, used extensively in the Vita, looks like a felt fabric but is actually plastic. John also liked the wooden (real wood!) decency screens but again he wondered how they would fare in service. His final criticism was of the nodular matting used in the entrance area designed to prevent small grit and stone chips, picked up on shoes, reaching the saloon floor. This successfully collected the offending chips but did not allow them to be swept out. He pointed out that this would make it difficult for a driver to clean up during the day as he was unlikely to have access to a vacuum cleaner. John's comments were, to some extent, academic because he felt the overall height of 3.63 metres ruled it out for his operation. Several local attractions cannot cope with coaches higher than 3.5 metres. 'On the plus side, the luggage space is cavernous,' he said.

Sampling the ride on the 0404 Vita, from left to right, Ian Soden, John Duff, Eddie Brown, Phillip Brown and Ian McKenzie.

Brian Longstaff of Mirfield based Longstaffs commented, 'It s a nice motor, very comfortable to ride in and nice to drive. I think the standard vehicle will sell quite well over here. It's well built.' Longstaffs run Bovas at present and Brian added, 'I think Glen, our son in law, who used to work for Mercedes Benz, will be very interested. Our daughter and son in law run the business now.'

One of the advantages buying a Mercedes today offers in comparison with earlier Mercedes coach products is that the entire vehicle is sold and supported by Mercedes Benz UK Ltd. Those who saw the 0404 Vita at Beningbrough Hall seemed generally favourably impressed - for Mercedes the task now is to bridge the distance between being impressed and signing on the dotted line.

By Stuart Jones

The more highly specified of the two Vita models is the Vita Gran Tourismo.

Fleet Additions

First Express Plaxton Premiere Volvos for faster links

Thirteen Plaxton Premiere 320 bodied Volvo B10Ms have been placed into service by FirstBus subsidiary Kelvin on new faster links between Cumbernauld and central Glasgow. First Express runs seven days a week with six coaches an hour and an increased service at peak periods.

Clydeside takes twenty five Pointers

Clydeside Buses has introduced 25 low floor Plaxton Pointer bodied Dennis Dart SLFs to local services in the Paisley area. Engineering Director, Tony Williamson commented, 'we face a lot of competition in Paisley and see the provision of modern accessible buses as one way of maintaining our competitive edge.'

Jeffs stay with Caetano

Jeffs of Helmdon near Brackley in Northamptonshire has added another pair of Caetano Algarve II bodied Volvo B10Ms to an already large fleet of that combination. The new additions are air-conditioned 49 seaters with centre continental doors, centre sunken toilets, hot water boilers, coolboxes and Blaupunkt stereo systems.

Ashton's two and three axle Scanias

George Ashton Coaches of St Helens has taken delivery of its first new Scanias, two new Irizar Centurys. One is a two axle K113CRB while the other is a K113TRB three axle coach although both share similar features with 49 reclining seats, those for the driver and courier being leather. A radio/PA/cassette is fitted to each as is a video/monitor, sunken toilet, drinks machine, air-conditioning and power lockers. As well as a driver's bunk they have a driver's safe and dash refrigerators.

Leon's new Scania tri-axle

A new tri-axle Scania K113TRB with Van Hool Alizee SH coachwork has been supplied by Scania Bus & Coach to Leon's Coach Travel (Stafford). Notable features of the new coach, which has 49 recliners and a courier seat, are a radio/PA/cassette system, video/monitor, fridge and air-conditioning. A continental door is built into the offside of the bodywork which does not feature a rear window.

Frodingham first

The seven vehicle fleet of Frodingham Coaches has been in business for nine years. Run by Alan and Angela Wilkinson, it specialises in providing small groups with personal service and high standards of comfort. For its first ever new coach a Plaxton Beaver bodied Mercedes 814D has been chosen, and this will shortly be joined by a Beaver bus, both supplied by Kirkby Coach & Bus. On its first tour the coach, which has three point seat belts and forced air ventilation, returned over 20 mpg.

CMT go Wright

CMT Buses in Liverpool has completed the latest phase of its fleet replacement programme with 12 Wright Crusader bodied Dennis Dart SLFs. They have 37 Callow & Maddox Urban 7 seats and space for one wheelchair. CMT has replaced 25 of its 60 Leyland Nationals over the past two years, mostly with Wright bodied Dennises and Volvos and intends to replace the remaining examples with passenger friendly low floor buses.

Van Hool again for Express Travel

A further Van Hool Alizee HE bodied Volvo B10M GL has been supplied to Express Travel of Liverpool by Moseley (PCV). Included in the chassis specification are a Telma retarder and alloy wheels while the body features 46 Labellux recliners, a nearside servery, offside washroom and two saloon tables.

Fleet Additions

Blue Bird B10Ms

Blue Bird Coaches of Neath in South Wales has invested in three former Wallace Arnold Jonckheere bodied Volvo B10Ms from Yeates Bus & Coach. They will work exclusively for Majestic Tours, Teignmouth, whose livery they carry, and are fitted with reclining seats, ABS, Telma retarder and seatbelts. George Warren (left) takes delivery of one of the coaches from David Edwards of Yeates.

Hallmark rent Premiere duo

Two new Volvo B10Ms have been added to the fleet of Hallmark Cars, Luton and were supplied by Kirkby Rentals. The new coaches have Plaxton Premiere 350 bodies and are to be used by Travelsphere for UK and European holidays. They are painted in Travelsphere's distinctive white and blue colours.

Caelloi Alizee

T.H. Jones & Son trading as Caelloi Motors of Pwllheli has recently been supplied with a Volvo B10M GL Van Hool Alizee DH coach by Moseley (PCV). The new addition, which is finished in silver based metallic with red and yellow relief, is fitted with 49 Labellux reclining seats and has a rear sunken toilet and continental door. A Webasto pre-heater is also fitted, as is a water boiler.

The first new coach for the Kingfisher fleet run by Islwyn Borough Transport is a Plaxton bodied Volvo B10M which was supplied by Kirkby Coach & Bus. It is to be used in the company's continental tour programme. The new coach has a Premiere 350 body with 49 reclining seats, a centre sunken washroom, coffee machine, video monitor, curtains and tinted double glazing.

Escort Transliner

Enfield based Escort Coaches has acquired this Neoplan Transliner bodied Dennis Javelin GX300 with Cummins 300bhp engine from S.J. Carlton of Hellaby. For use on tour work it has a comprehensive specification which includes 49 Kiel R80 recliners with adjustable footrests, seat-back tables and lap-belts. Among other features are an offside rear sunken toilet, continental door, kitchenette with water boiler and sink, Webasto pre-heater and timer, television and video system, central locking and driver's safe.

Stevensons XL Darts

Stevensons of Uttoxeter has bought seven new low floor Plaxton Pointers, on Dennis Dart SLF chassis, for use between Burton-on-Trent, Swadlincote and Ashby. This route has been relaunched under the XL quality banner used by Stevensons and Midland Red to promote major upgrades in service. Stevensons marketing manager, David Shadbolt, said, 'People will only be tempted from their cars if there is a high quality, totally reliable alternative.'

Fleet Additions

Brent Transport Services take the first production UVG 320

Brent Transport Services has taken delivery of UVG's new 320 coach on the Dennis Javelin. It is the first production vehicle and features double glazed windows and three point safety belts. It will be used on daily runs to Woodfield School as well as swimming pool trips and outings.

Lynton Sprinters

Two Crystal Conversions Mercedes 412Ds are being used by Lynton Travel Group on an hourly return service from Stansted Airport to Colchester Railway Station. The service saves around two hours on train travelling time and is open to all travellers. The buses seat twelve with luggage facilities.

Ferris Berkhof pair

Ferris Holidays of Cardiff has added two Volvo B10Ms with 51-seat Berkhof Axial bodies bring fleet strength up to 12. Features include air-conditioning, drivers bunk, centre sunken toilet, fridge as well as hot water boiler and the new additions will be used on Ferris's own holiday programme.

Dorset trio

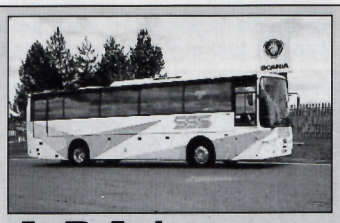
Bournemouth-based Dorset Travel Services has these three 49 seater Berkhof Axial bodied Volvo B10Ms for Eurolines services. The standard B10M chassis comes with DH10A285 engine and ZFS6-85 gearbox while the coachwork feature air-conditioning, courier seat, drivers bunk, centre sunken toilet as well as fridge and hot water boiler.

Dart SLFs for Western National

Western National has taken another six Dennis Dart SLFs. The new additions are to the new FirstBus standard specification and have many of the features recommended by customers as a result of the FirstBus Interior Design Project. Brian Norman from Dennis hands over to Paul McGowan, md of Western National.

Flights Irizars

Two Scania K113TRBs with Irizar Century bodies have joined the high specification Aston Villa Irizar bodied Scania in the Flights Coach Travel fleet. In addition to the usual specification the coaches, supplied by Scania Bus & Coach (UK), have magazine nets, extra handrails, full aircraft style luggage racks and seatback tables. A second monitor is also fitted while the servery area has a second fridge and drinks machine.



A.P.A.'s new Scania

A.P.A. Travel Services based in London have taken delivery of a Scania K113CRB with Van Hool Alizee HE coachwork. Fitted with a GR801 comfort shift gearbox, the new addition has double glazing, Sutrak air conditioning, radio/pa/cassette and Webasto heating. Paralift luggage doors are fitted in a body which seats 53 plus a courier.

Garcia go for 57 seat Premiere

Plaxton Premiere 320 Interurban bodywork has been specified by Garcia Tours of London on a Volvo B10M chassis. Reclining seats are provided for 57 passengers as well as a courier seat and a radio/pa/cassette system. The coach was supplied by Yeates Coach & Bus.

Capital adds to its Volvo fleet

Capital Coaches of West Drayton is building up a substantial fleet of Plaxton Premiere 320 bodied Volvos and the most recent acquisition is this B10M GL. The new coach is equipped with orange roof light for airport work. The vehicle has 53 recliners, a courier seat and a radio/pa/cassette system. It was supplied by Yeates Bus & Coach.

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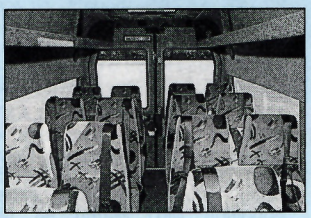

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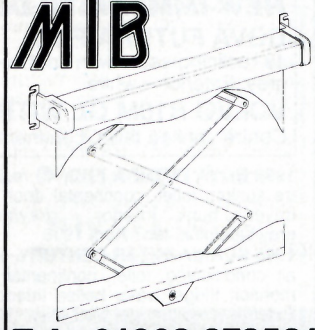

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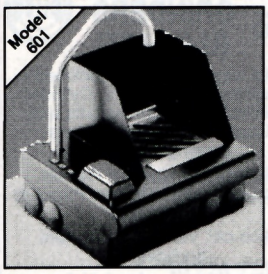

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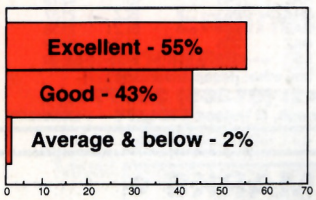

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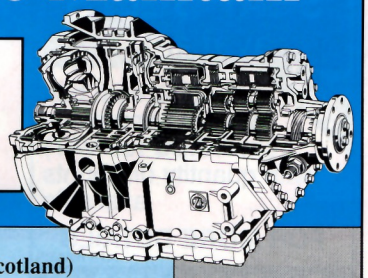

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Products & Services

WheelSafe Pentagon

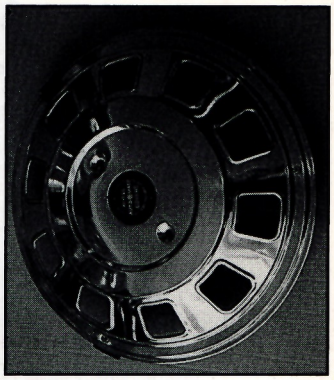
WheelSafe has come up with an innovative product which ensures any loose wheel nut is prevented from backing off. Called Pentagon, the device is roughly pentagonal, made from a high-grade, resilient, injection moulded plastic and fits all ten stud wheels. The odd-shaped 'ring' can be fitted in seconds to a wheel, just by pressing it into position and working its shape under and over each nut alternately.

The shape of Pentagon has been developed to catch as many 'flats' as possible but the manufacturer says it is likely that if all the wheel nuts fitted the profile exactly it would probably mean that one or more of them were loose anyway. The plastic ring will prevent any nut from backing off where it is in full contact but even one which was centred on the point between two flats could not back off more than 15 degrees maximum.

Pentagon was designed by a haulier who experienced the problems associated with wheel nuts coming loose and the difficulties in securing them. Long term tests are being carried out and for several months sets of the device have been fitted to tractor and trailer units running continually between the UK and southern Italy. They are reported to have remained in position and no loose nuts have been reported. WheelSafe claims Pentagon should last at least as long as the life of the vehicle and its weight is negligible. The material is resistant to high temperature, shock, corrosion and totally unaffected by fuel or oil.

Sales of Pentagon are currently being handled by AutoMate Wheel Covers. Stuart Smith, proprietor, said, 'This device is so simple I'm surprised no-one has come up with it before. It is cheaper than many of the systems available today and benefits from being totally re-usable, so it is a buy-once product that has no on-going replacement costs. For coach operators that want to fit wheel trims to enhance the looks of their vehicles, they are ideal. Pentagon fits neatly underneath and gives some peace of mind that wheel security is assured. One problem that operators have always faced is that if wheel trims were fitted, some drivers would not remove them on a daily basis to do routine checks. Now there is a way around that.'

The Pentagon from WheelSafe in a front wheel application.



Automate's latest trim for the Mercedes Benz Sprinter is already proving very popular. The fixing bracket is both simple and substantial.

In addition to Pentagon, Automate also has a new line in wheel trims for Mercedes Benz Sprinters. The trim is stainless steel and comes with a very strong and simple mounting bracket to ensure security. For details of the products contact Stuart or Linda Smith on 01274 862700.

The Bus Industry Awards 1997

ENTRY FORM

Award Category

Please use a separate form if nominating for more than one category (please feel free to photocopy this form if necessary).

Tick Box

- ☐ **Bus Operator of the Year Award**
- ☐ **Marketing Initiative Award (operator)**
- ☐ **Marketing Initiative Award (authority/joint)**
- ☐ **Infrastructure Award**
- ☐ **Innovation Award**

Supporting Documentation

In the case of the Bus Operator of the Year Award, attach a description of why you think the company you are nominating should win the award - no longer than 2 sides of A4.

For other awards, attach a description of the scheme, together with an explanation of why you think it should win an award. This should be no longer than 2 sides of A4.

IN ALL CASES, you may enclose such supporting documentation as you see fit. For the Marketing Award, this MUST include samples of the publicity material which was produced.

Entry conditions and criteria are set out on the full version of this form, available from the Secretary at the address shown.

Person or Organisation Submitting this Nomination

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